

Good afternoon, members of the insurance committee.

I am Roz Gutelius, I live in Madison, and have been an interior designer for 35 years.

HB5963 is important to me and my family because I have chosen religious, non-medical care, by relying on the teachings of Christian Science, all of my life. Not only have health concerns been healed through prayer, but so have financial, educational, relationships, and character issues been solved by recognizing God's constant presence and care for each of us.

I have paid Christian Science Practitioners, who have supported me prayerfully, out of pocket.

Besides being a very healthy child, many school years with perfect attendance, I saw our lifeless puppy, who had fallen into a bucket of toxic creosote, quickly and completely revived solely through prayer. My Mom, brother, and I, and a Christian Science Practitioner prayed to see our pet as an idea of God, loved, cared for and whole - that proved to be the case.

Four years ago, I accompanied my elderly aunt on a trip to Sweden. At the time, I was praying about my right eye which had gone blind. Reading through the flight insurance papers, I saw that Christian Science treatment was recognized as a reimbursable cost in the event of an emergency on our trip. This tiny detail was such an encouraging reminder of the power of prayer. There was a complete healing of the eye soon after.

In addition, religious, non-medical health care has the unspoken benefit of having no unwanted or dangerous side-effects.

Thank you for this opportunity to register my support of HB5963.